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1. FOLLOWING INFO IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL:

(A) IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CRUDE OIL, NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS, FEEDSTOCKS AND PRODUCTS: STATISTICS SHOWING SWISS FOREIGN TRADE IN CRUDE OIL, AS WELL AS IN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, ARE RELEASED QUARTERLY BY THE SWISS CUSTOMS OFFICE IN BERN. THE SWISS CUSTOMS OFFICE ALSO PUBLISHES MONTHLY AND ANNUAL STATISTICS ON SWISS FOREIGN TRADE BY COMMODITY AND COUNTRY, CALLED IN GERMAN QTE MONATS- UND JAHRESSTATISTIK DES AUSSEN-HANDELS DER SCHWEIZ UNQTE.

(B) DATA ON MARINE BUNKERS DO NOT EXIST IN SWITZERLAND.

2. COMMENT: THE SWISS GOVT REQUIRES OIL IMPORTERS TO MAINTAIN COMPULSORY MINIMUM STOCKS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS CORRESPONDING TO AT LEAST 6 MONTHS' SUPPLY FOR A NORMAL YEAR. OVER AND ABOVE THE COMPULSORY STOCKS, IMPORTERS MUST HAVE AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL STORAGE CAPACITY
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CORRESPONDING TO 10 PER CENT OF COMPULSORY STOCKS. HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THIS ADDITIONAL STORAGE CAPACITY AT FULL LEVEL. NO COMPULSORY STOCKPILING IS REQUIRED FOR CRUDE OIL. MILITARY STOCKS OF UNKNOWN QUANTITIES ARE ALSO MAINTAINED. NEITHER OFFICIAL NOR PRIVATE SOURCES PROVIDE DATA WITH RESPECT TO PETROLEUM AND CRUDE OIL STOCKS

THAT ARE ACTUALLY MAINTAINED IN SWITZERLAND. SUCH
INFO IS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND IS PROTECTED
BY SWISS LAWS ON COMMERCIAL SECRECY. THEREFORE,
EXACT FIGURES ON SWISS CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM
INVENTORY LEVELS ARE UNAVAILABLE FROM PUBLISHED SOURCES.ODELL

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